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Case File: A-39-17

Property Address: 3032 Wake Forest Road

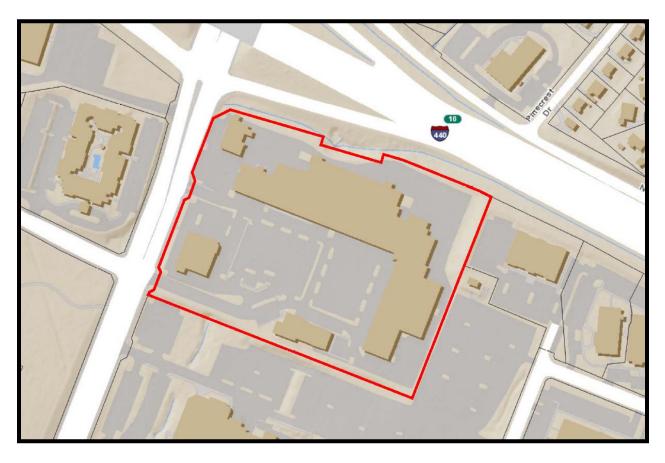
Property Owner: Holly Park Property, LLC

Project Contact: Michael Birch

Nature of Case: A request for a variance to Sections 9.1.10. and 12.2 of the Unified Development

Ordinance to permit the removal of 16 or more trees with a DBH of 3 inches within a continuous 12-month period which results in the removal of 40 trees within a continuous 12-month period on a 13.93 acre site zoned Industrial Mixed-Use-3-Parking Limited and Special Highway Overlay District-2 and located at

3032 Wake Forest Road.



3032 Wake Forest Road - Location Map

To BOA: 3-13-17

Staff Coordinator: Eric S. Hodge, AICP

ZONING

DISTRICTS: Industrial Mixed-use-3 Parking Limited and Special Highway Overlay District-2



3032 Wake Forest Road – Zoning Map

VARIANCE STANDARDS: In accordance with UDO §10.2.10 Variance, before a variance request is granted, the Board of Adjustment shall show all of the following:

- Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.
- 2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions

that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

- 3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.
- 4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved.

Zoning District Standards: The subject property is zoned Industrial Mixed-Use-3-Parking Limited and Special Highway Overlay District-2.

Section 9.1.10. Lots Without Recorded Tree Conservation Areas

A. Applicability

- 1. Any tree disturbing activity, except a minor tree removal activity, on sites 2 acres and larger in size that do not have an established or recorded tree conservation area shall meet the requirements of this section.
- 2. Nothing in this section shall prevent the otherwise lawful grading and installation of streets, utilities or other improvements shown on an approved subdivision plan or site plan.
- 3. All applicable laws, including soil erosion and sedimentation control and tree protection regulations, must be obeyed. No champion tree, including its critical root zone, is subjected to any tree disturbing activity.

B. Tree Protection Plan Required

- 1. A tree protection plan must be approved by the Planning and Development Officer for all applicable tree protected areas.
- 2. Tree protection fences must be in place prior to the issuance of any City permit and prior to engaging in any tree disturbing activity.

C. Perimeter Buffers

- 1. No tree disturbing activity, except a minor tree removal activity, shall occur within a 32-foot wide perimeter buffer when the adjoining or adjacent property is vacant.
- 2. No tree disturbing activity, except a minor tree removal activity, shall occur within a 65-foot wide perimeter buffer when the adjacent property is a roadway other than a Thoroughfare or is not vacant.
- 3. No tree disturbing activity, except a minor tree removal activity, shall occur within a 50-foot wide perimeter buffer when the adjoining or adjacent property is a Thoroughfare or higher designation roadway.
- 4. No trees 10 inches DBH or larger can be removed, with the exception that a maximum of 5 trees between 10 inches and 22 inches DBH may be removed within the 32-foot wide buffer, the 65-foot wide buffer or 50-foot wide Thoroughfare buffer, within a continuous 5-year period, with a permit issued by the Planning and Development Officer, provided that such tree removal would not diminish future tree conservation areas that may be required, all as shown on a report submitted to Planning and Development.

5. In lieu of protecting perimeter buffers, tree conservation areas may be designated in conjunction with an approved development plan, or an approved forest management plan, provided that all tree conservation areas are shown on recorded plats.

D. Forest Management Activity Allowed

- 1. Forest management activity is allowed in the perimeter buffers provided that the landowners first record with the local County Register of Deeds a covenant running with and binding the land stating: "That forest management operations were initiated within regulated perimeter buffers of the real property on ______ (date and year) and that pursuant to State Law, no building permit, site plan or subdivision plan will be approved by the local governing authority for a period of 5 years following harvesting completion date."
- 2. A copy of this covenant recorded with the local County Register of Deeds shall be provided to the to Planning and Development.
- 3. The allowable hours of operation any given day are between 7 AM and 8:30 PM, other than emergency work for the preservation of public health or safety.
- 4. Access ways through perimeter buffers shall not exceed 25 feet in width and all construction entrances of the access ways must be constructed in accordance with the latest City "Guidelines for Land-Disturbing Activities" or latest State of North Carolina "Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual", whichever is more stringent.
- 5. At least 1 access way shall be permitted and additional access ways may be allowed provided such additional access ways are justified by a North Carolina registered forester and additional access ways fronting the same roadway are spaced at least 1,000 feet apart.

E. Violations

- 1. A violation of this section, where unlawful tree disturbing activity has occurred and trees and stumps are absent, shall subject the violator to a civil penalty equal to \$1,000 for the first tree plus 35 cents of every square foot of unlawfully disturbed perimeter buffer.
- 2. Where trees or stumps are present after unlawful tree disturbing activity has occurred, the civil penalty shall instead be calculated as \$1,000 for the first tree plus \$100 per diameter inch for any other tree or stump 3 inches diameter and larger.
- 3. No civil penalty shall exceed 1/3 of the current land tax value of the entire site.
- 4. The penalty shall be processed as set forth in *Sec. 10.4.2*. In addition to this civil penalty, within the unlawfully disturbed perimeter buffer, the land owner shall install one 2-inch caliper tree for each 200 square feet of all of the unlawfully disturbed perimeter buffer; provided that, in R-1 and R-2 no more than 15% of the acreage of the entire tract and no more 10% of the acreage of the entire tract of all other districts shall be planted.
- 5. Prior to any replanting, the Planning and Development Officer shall first approve a replacement planting and maintenance plan.
- 6. The replanting areas shall be designated as tree conservation areas on plats with delineated metes and bounds descriptions recorded with the local County Register of Deeds, however, the replacement planting areas shall not count toward the tree conservation percentage requirements of *Sec. 9.1.3.* Following the recording of this plat, no tree disturbing activity shall take place within the designated tree conservation areas.

Article 12.2 Defined Terms

Tree Disturbing Activity Any activity that results in one or more of the following:

1. The movement of earth, compaction of earth, chemical or physical alteration of earth or a change in the

existing soil cover (both vegetative and non vegetative) or the existing soil topography in the critical root zone of a tree or within any tree conservation area, including but not limited to: chemical application, clearing, grading, filling, excavation, stabilization of structures and road or walkway construction

2. Chemical or physical alteration of a tree in any way that diminishes its health and vigor, including but not limited to removal, cutting, root pruning, branch pruning, topping, bark scraping and application of chemical or biological agents. 3. The placement within the critical root zone or within any tree conservation area of any permanent or temporary encroachment, including but not limited to application of impervious surfaces, storage of equipment, materials, earth parking or circulation of vehicles or equipment.

Application for Variance



Department of City Planning | 1 Exchange Plaza, Suite 300 | Raleigh, NC 27601 | 919-996-2626 Submit application to: Development Services Customer Service Center, 1 Exchange Plaza, Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27601

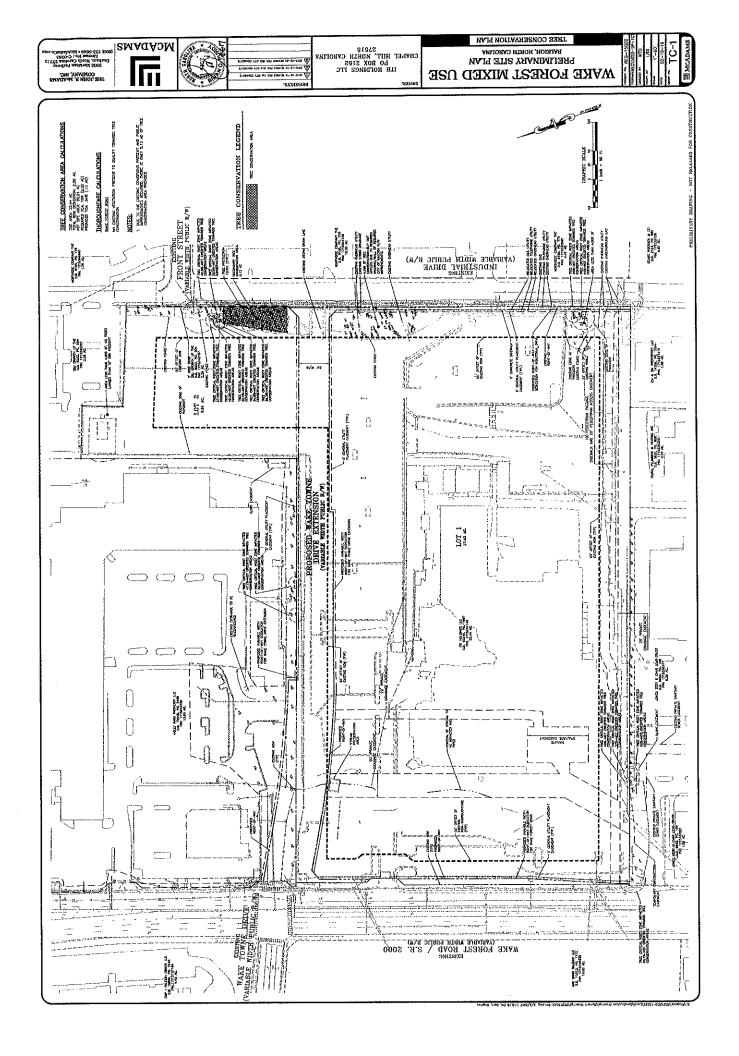
NATURE OF REQUEST	OFFICE USE ONLY	
Nature of variance request (if more space is needed, submit addendum on separate sheet): See attached Exhibit A.	Transaction Number $A - 39 - 17$	
Provide all previous transaction numbers for Coordinated Team Reviews, Due Diligence Sessions, or Pre-Submittal Conferences. If this property was the subject of a previous variance request, provide the case number.		

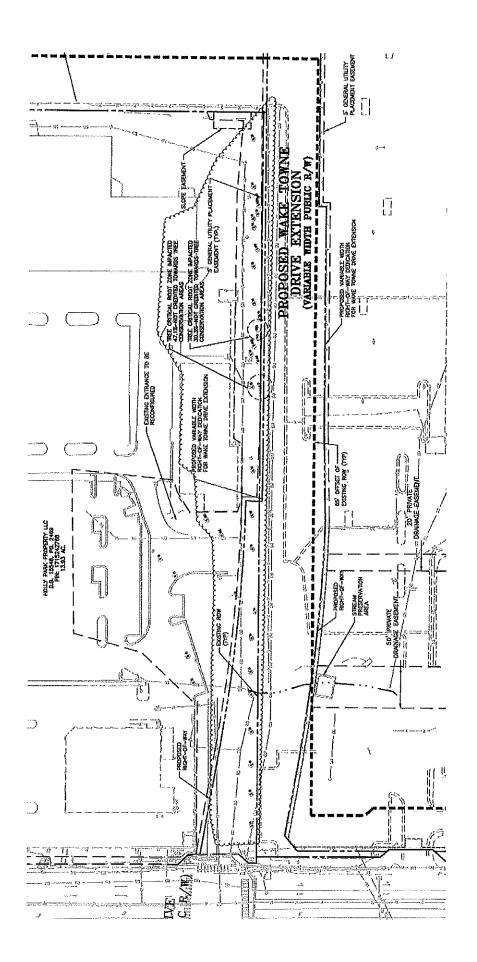
GENERAL INFORMATION					
Property Address 3032 Wake Forest Road		Date 2/8/17			
Property PIN 1715-24-2768	Current Zoning X-3-P	L w/SHOD-2			
Nearest Intersection Wake Forest Road and W	ake Towne Drive	Property size (in acres) 13.93 acres			
Property Owner Holly Park Property, LLC	Phone	Fax			
Owner's Mailing Address PO Box 790830, San Antonio, TX 78279	Email				
Project Contact Person Michael Birch, Morningstar Law Group	Phone 919.590.0388	Fax			
Contact Person's Mailing Address 421 Fayelleville Street, Suite 530, Raleigh, NC 27601	Email mbirch@morningstarlawgroup.com				
Property Owner Signature	Email				
Sworn and subscribed before me this 8th day of February, 20 17	Notary Signature and Seal (ommission Expires 04/08/19 Wising			

Exhibit A

Petitioner requests the following variance:

1. A variance to UDO section 9.1.10. and UDO section 12.2. "Minor Tree Removal Activity" to permit the removal of 16 or more trees with a DBH of 3 inches or greater within a continuous 12-month period. The request is to permit the removal of a total of 40 trees within a continuous 12-month period. The trees proposed to be removed are shown on the exhibits included with this petition. The purpose of this request is to allow for the removal of trees related to the extension of Wake Towne Drive by the developer of the property to the south.





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